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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF DEFENSE TO HONEYMOON ON ARAMCO COMPOUND

1. ACCORDING DALE GARRISON, MANAGER, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ARAMCO, MINISTER OF DEFENSE SULTAN WILL BE SPENDING FOUR MONTH HONEYMOON AT ARAMCO GUESTHOUSES, POSSIBLY BEGINNING TOMORROW OCTOBER 10. FACT THAT SULTAN WILL BE AT DHAHRAN WILL BE QUICKLY KNOWN BUT LENGTH OF STAY CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL BY SAG AND THUS BY ARAMCO.
2. GARRISON EXPECTED "SOME DISRUPTION " TO ARAMCO COMPOUND SCHEDULE SINCE SULTAN "WOULD EXPECT TO BE INCLUDED IN MAJOR ARAMCO SOCIAL ACTIVITIES." WHEN QUERIED ABOUT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH MINISTER'S SOJOURN AT ARAMCO, GARRISON REPLIED THAT HE HAD NONE OF THOSE DETAILS.
3. ARAMCO OFFICIALS, GARRISON SAID, WERE PUZZLED BY SULTAN'S DECISION TO HONEYMOON AT COMPOUND SINCE ARAMCO'S GUESTHOUSES ARE NOT IN ANY WAY LUXURIOUS VILLAS, AND SULTAN HAS HIS OWN PALACE AT NEARBY ALKHOBAR. ONLY REASONABLE EXPLANATION IN GARRISON'S VIEW WAS THAT ANOTHER ROYAL PRINCE HAD HONEYMOONED AT ARAMCO, LIKED HIS STAY THERE AND RECOMMENDED THE PLACE TO SULTAN.

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